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Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., says he will use his seniority position on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence next year to urge that CIA efforts be focused on combating international terrorism.

Leahy said next week's election will determine whether he becomes chairman or vice chairman of the committee. Leahy will become chairman if the Democratic Party wins control of the Senate.

The senators who now hold those positions will step down because they have served the traditional term of eight years.

Leahy has strongly criticized the CIA for drawing up a handbook on terrorism.

"If I were to be chairman, the people in the CIA know already I will emphasize the resources be spent on (combatting) international terrorism and nuclear arms verification," he said.